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Designating April 23, 2009, as "National Adopt A Library Day".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 23, 2009

Mr. Webb (for himself and Mr. Warner) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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- Whereas libraries are an essential part of the communities and the national system of education in the United States;
- Whereas the people of the United States benefit significantly from libraries that serve as an open place for people of all ages and backgrounds to make use of books and other resources that offer pathways to learning, self-discovery, and the pursuit of knowledge;
- Whereas the libraries of the United States depend on the generous donations and support of individuals and groups to ensure that people who are unable to purchase books still have access to a wide variety of resources;

Whereas certain nonprofit organizations facilitate donations of books to schools and libraries across the country to extend the joys of reading to millions of people in the United States and to prevent used books from being thrown away; and

Whereas several States and Commonwealths that recognize the importance of libraries and reading have adopted resolutions commemorating April 23 as "Adopt A Library Day": Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved, That the Senate—
- 2 (1) designates April 23, 2009, as "National
- 3 Adopt A Library Day";
- 4 (2) honors organizations that help facilitate do-5 nations to schools and libraries;
- 6 (3) urges all people in the United States who
 7 own unused books to donate those books to local li8 braries;
 - (4) strongly supports children and families who take advantage of the resources provided by schools and libraries; and
- 12 (5) encourages the people of the United States 13 to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and 14 activities.

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